

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 13 have been amended. Claims 1-18 are pending for further examination.

Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Mitsuru. Applicant has amended the claims herein in order to more clearly distinguish the teachings of Mitsuru and the remaining references of record. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Independent claims 1, 7 and 13 have been amended to add the requirement of an "action script database storing action scripts," and to require that the claimed searching portion searches "in the action script database" for the action script describing a procedure of controlling said first interface in accordance with the request input from said first interface. Applicant respectfully submits that these amended features, in combination with the remaining claimed features, are not taught or suggested by the prior art of record. Thus, Applicant believes that the amended claims patentably distinguish the cited prior art.

Mitsuru does not teach or suggest the particular combination of elements set forth in any of amended claims 1, 7, or 13, and particularly the action script database features identified above. Mitsuru discloses a system that selects an application program (AP) control script in accordance with inputted "YES" or "NO" through a speech recognition system and executes the corresponding command (see, e.g., page 5 and 6 of the English

translation provided by the Examiner). Thus, in Mitsuru there is no action script database, nor is there any searching portion that searches in an action script database for the action script describing a procedure of controlling the first interface in accordance with the request input from the first interface. As a result, Applicant respectfully submits that Mitsuru does not identically disclose each and every feature of the claimed invention, as required for anticipation under Section 102. For example, Mitsuru does not disclose or suggest the limitations of "an action script database storing action scripts" or "searching in said action script database for the action script." Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicant believes that all of the pending claims clearly and patentably distinguish the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection and passage of this case to issuance at an early date are earnestly solicited.

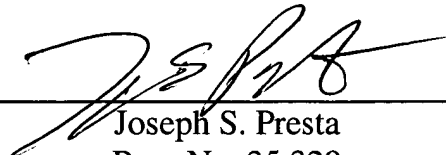
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Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, or deem that any further issues need to be addressed prior to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

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